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News and Events

Board of Trustees Meeting – October 11

The entire board believes that the university is travelling in the right direction to make a difference on campus, in the region, and in the state," said Chairman Jack Beaupre in his report to the Board of Trustees on Friday, October 7, 2013.

Chair Beaupre thanked the administration for "becoming a great hope for fixing the problems in higher education and providing examples for others." He specifically mentioned innovations such as the DDP program, capital development plans, and the construction of Prairie Place, GSU's first student residence. "We are in a position to give students a financially acceptable option for higher education."

Dr. Maimon appreciated the recognition and acknowledged the hard work of the administration, faculty, and staff – and the commitment of the Board of Trustees. "Success depends on an independent Board supporting the work of the University. We are ahead of the curve with Renaissance 2014," Dr. Maimon commented. "We are thinking outside of traditional frames of reference. We are building a University of Big Ideas."

The Board voted unanimously and historically to approve the expansion of recreation and athletics at GSU. The expansion will be phased in over the next five years.

To further the University's positive momentum, Dr Maimon announced strategic planning beyond Strategy 2015—to Strategy 2020. The metaphor of clear vision is purposeful. Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu and Provost Deborah Bordelon will convene a broad based committee of faculty, staff, and administration for the strategic update. The committee will report regularly to the Board of Trustees.

The Board approved the appointment of Trustee Brian Mitchell as the GSU representative to the Civil Service Merit Board. They passed a resolution authorizing differential tuition rates for international students from partner colleges and universities. This action reflects the increased number of agreements between GSU and educational institutions in other countries. Trustee Tyson commended the administration for establishing

these international partnerships.

Symposium on Writing Across the University – October 18

Join us on October 18 for a symposium on Writing Across the University with UC-Berkeley professor Dr. Donald McQuade.

Dr. McQuade is a Professor of English at University of California, Berkeley. He teaches writing, American literature, and American studies. He has written, edited, and co-edited numerous books on writing, American literature, American culture, and advertising. He is the former Chair of the Board of the National Writing Project, which for over three decades has educated K-12 teachers on writing across the curriculum (WAC). He is also a master teacher.

Dr. McQuade will lead GSU faculty and staff in a series of lively activities appropriate to Renaissance 2014. WAC was initiated at GSU in the 1990's and is now ready for rebirth and renewal. Professor McQuade will assist in bringing this conversation to the campus as a whole.

In the morning faculty and staff will work together on understanding the power and complexity of the writing process. In the afternoon, each group will work separately, with the faculty focusing on the specifics of incorporating writing into syllabi and with the staff working on the writing tasks that are part of their everyday work.

Please plan to attend this exciting, community-building day. A continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will have lunch together, and the day's work should conclude by 3:30 p.m.

Because of the nature of the symposium, RSVPs are required. Please RSVP to Penny Perdue, pperdue@govst.edu, or 708.534.4130.

Teaching Writing in the Age of Twitter - October 17

Join us for *Teaching Writing in the Age of Twitter*, a talk by Dr. Donald McQuade, on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall. The talk is free and open to the public.

Students are writing more than ever as a result of social media. However, educators are still figuring out how to leverage student interest in 140-character *tweets* into writing ability that will help them succeed as students, engaged citizens, and as members of our work force.

Teachers know that writing has been emphasized throughout the Common Core. In addition, Writing Across the Curriculum is the gold standard of higher education. We all know that infusing writing across the

curriculum at all grade levels is the only way that students will be able to transfer their knowledge about writing into daily practice.

We are privileged to have Donald McQuade join us because of his background with the National Writing Project and his many decades of involvement with Writing Across the Curriculum.

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